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To: Chief Fiscal Officers, MMARS Liaisons, Purchasing Coordinators

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Re: EDI Updates and Modifications

MMARS Memo 224J

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on new developments in our ongoing project for Electronic Data Interchange. Please distribute to staff in your department as relevant.

During FY96 departments and vendors involved in the Commonwealth's EDI purchasing were successful in closing over 99.9% of the EDI encumbrances. All participants in the process are to be congratulated on their hard work and commitment to success.

Also over these past few months, several modifications were made to the MMARS EDI system which should improve the processing of purchasing and invoicing transactions. These enhancements are listed in the table below:

MMARS Transaction/Table	Enhancement	Effect on Users
PD/PG	Insert lines on modifications	Users will no longer need to enter a new order when items are substituted by the vendor on delivery. Modification of the original PD or PG is now allowed.
VI	Credit and Debit invoices no longer need an over-ride.	Signatory Authorities with the "OD" profiles will no longer have to over-ride the batch VI documents created for credits and debits transmitted by the vendor. The system will process these to "DONE" as long as there are no errors in the transaction which would normally cause it to "REJECT".
VI	Invoices received for catalog items with a zero unit cost, will now process.	Users will no longer need to modify their OR, or omit these items from entry in order to 'match'. Items for which there is no charge, will process as those